

The Role of Prisoner Support in the Struggle

The 1960s and 70s were eras heavily influenced by the Civil Rights movement, and out from this period emerged the Attica Rebellion, and the George Jackson Brigade movement in the California Prison System.

During this period there was also a large and growing Prison Movement in the U.S.

Unfortunately, this movement has drastically subsided over the last 30 years or so.

If we are to witness this movement rejuvenate itself, PRISONER ACTION must be the CATALYST that SPURNS it.

In other words, outside SUPPORTERS can only effectively begin to support collectively PROGRESSIVE PRISONERS when THESE PRISONERS have begun to wage STRUGGLES AGAINST UNJUST AND INHUMANE CONDITIONS INSIDE THE GULAGS.

Comrades inside of PRISON can begin by CREATING MORE PROGRAMS TO COUNTER PRISON REPRESSION, and develop ACTIVITIES THAT CHALLENGE THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN AGAINST PRISONERS.

These Activities should be designed to in themselves provide SECURITY for COMRADES, as the PRISON GUARDS we INTERACT with ARE NOT TRAINED in DIPLOMACY.

Due to the VARIED IDEOLOGIES of CAPTIVE COMRADES, we must be FLEXIBLE in FORMULATING THESE PROGRAMS, so THAT OUR DIFFERENCES will NOT DIVIDE US.

Our inside collectives can push more for the advocacy that tax-payers should have more say in the activities inside prison, and that there need be more taxpayer oversight inside U.S. prisons.

The role of outside supporters for the most part, should be to keep the lines of communication open between prisoners, and keep prisoners informed of the conditions of other disenfranchised people and struggles, because wherever we are at, we are another front for international struggle.

As pointed out before, the Prison Movement can only be spearheaded by prisoners themselves, and therefore ex-prisoners should be encouraged to stay in contact upon release, and become involved in the prison activities.

In closing, I leave the reader with this thought that it is incumbent if the Prison Movement is to bolster again, that prisoners understand that we must play the essential role of getting the ball rolling.

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